

Hobbies

Some gift ideas for the real money lovers

By Roger Boye

This week's column presents some holiday gift ideas for people who collect money—or just like the stuff.

● **Water domes:** For a salute to the common man who struck it rich, shake the dome and watch miniature “greenbacks” float around Mr. Monopoly. It's an offbeat desk ornament for anyone who wants to proclaim an interest in money.

The water dome costs \$19.95 plus shipping charges from the American Numismatic Association Museum Store, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903. For more information or to place a credit-card order, call toll free, 800-367-9723.

● **Banks:** The ANA Museum Store also offers an alternative to the traditional piggy bank—a coin bank (\$8.95 plus shipping) that looks like “A Guide Book of United States Coins,” the hobby's famous “Red Book.” The lockable bank—designed for the younger set—is dubbed “A Guide to Saving United States Coins.”

● **Postcards:** Collectors can write to their friends on colorful postcards, each depicting a piece

of foreign paper money ranging from a Chinese yuan to a Polish zloty. A package of five cards costs \$2 plus shipping from the ANA Museum Store.

● **Ties:** The Museum Store again is selling two types of polyester ties, one depicting dollar signs and the other tiny money bags and the words “Buy Low, Sell High.” The ties (\$18 each plus shipping) in navy blue with green embroidery ranked as one of the ANA's more popular gift items last December.

● **Shorts:** Collectors who want to dream about rare coins might prefer sleeping in boxer shorts imprinted with red and black logos of Coin World, a weekly hobby newspaper. The cotton shorts come in four sizes, each costing \$19.50, and have heavy duty waistbands and double stitched side seams.

To order, write to Coin World, P. O. Box 150, Sidney, Ohio 45365, or call 800-253-4555.

● **Calendars:** Twelve color photographs of U. S. coinage adorn the 1990 edition of Krause Publication's annual calendar, which measures 11-by-17 inches. Many of the date squares carry tidbits of hobby history.

To order, send \$5.95 to Krause Publications, 700 E. State St.,

Iola, Wis. 54990, or call 800-258-0929. Krause will send a free calendar to anyone who orders a one-year subscription to the weekly Numismatic News (\$24.95), the monthly Coins magazine (\$18.50), or Coin Prices magazine (\$15.95 for six issues).

● **Puzzles:** For patient collectors, the ANA Museum Store offers a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle (\$12.95 plus shipping) that reproduces an 1888 painting featuring currency and postage stamps. Also, Coin World is offering three types of 600-piece jigsaw puzzles (\$12.95 each) that depict silver or gold coins.

The ANA Museum Store again is selling wrapping paper that illustrates U. S. paper money (\$1.75 plus shipping for two sheets) and gift tags that contain a money card and cloth money pouch (\$1). But you might want to call the phone number given above because supplies are limited.

Also, Coin World and Krause Publications have issued several books, with titles ranging from “The Basics of Collecting Money” to “Standard Catalog of World Gold Coins.” Write or call the companies for information about what's available.